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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 11:02 AM
To: _____
Subject: RE: Comments filed on ORS website

Dear Tom Plesser,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:55 PM
To: Easterling, Deborah <Deborah.Easterling@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Comments filed on ORS website

Campbell, Chad

To: Morgan, Willie
Subject: RE: [External] Duke Energy increase

From: Tom Plesser
Date: March 15, 2019 at 1:21:21 PM EDT
To:
Subject: [External] Duke Energy increase

Dear Director:

I am a Simpsonville resident who is retired and on a fixed income. I moved from NY specifically Long Island where I paid the highest utilities rates in the nation. I moved here for lower taxes and lower utility rates. I am very concerned about this proposed rate increase.

First, some history. Long Island started to build a nuclear power plant in the 1970's and 80's in Shoram NY, It was protested and it never produced one kilowatt of power. In order to repurpose the plant to gas, the public through the public service commission allowed an increase in rate to offset the losses of closing the nuclear plant. I was upset since I believe in nuclear power. Long Island is still paying for this plant. I don't want to see that occur here.

Just like on Long Island, electric power is a monopoly. I have no choice as to where I buy my power from. Duke has all of us since our modern life requires electric power. So they can demand and get what ever rate increase they wish.

I have to warn you. This is a slippery slap. Rates go up. Business begins to leave. Then people leave. Before we know it the rates are out of sight. Power rates effect everything we do or have.

As I see it, through my own research all as matter of public information, the executives make a great deal of money. There are many directors. So many, Im not sure what they all do and why they are there. I think before any rate increase occurs, the utility needs to cut salaries. Not for those who actually do the work but to those on the top who " think" for a living. Then a close look needs to be made on Dukes spending on equipment, donations and other spending. Would it be cheaper to outsource the work? Possibly by power from a water production source? I don't want to see a union formed. They are expensive and filled with inefficiency.

What I am saying, until Duke pairs down there spending including salaries no increase can be given. South Carolina is not a rich state. All you have to do is drive around to find the many trailers, dilapidated houses and poor neighborhoods. How can we justify an increase with people so poor?

Again, I ask you vote NO on an increase. Its wrong and to high.

Thank you for your time.

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